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MODERNISATION OF PEST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any scheme/progrmme project for strengthening, developing and modernizing the pest management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation made for the purpose; and

(c) the details of plant quarantine facilities available in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India implements a scheme known as `Strengthening and Modernisation of Pest Management Approach in India`

(b): Government of India has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the cardinal principle of plant protection. Government has established Central Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Centres across the country to, inter alia, impart training to farmers in IPM by organizing Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). Further, to assist the States, Central Government has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres in 28 States and one Union Territory under the scheme `Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India`. The mandate of these Centres is pest/disease monitoring, production and release of bio-control agents/bio-pesticides, conservation of bio-control agents and Human Resource Development in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) by imparting training to Agriculture/ Horticulture Extension Officers and farmers at grass root level by organizing Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). IPM packages of practices for pest/disease management in 77 major crops have been developed and circulated to all States /UTs and have been posted on www.dacnet.nic. in/ppin for use by extension functionaries and farmers. To check the spread of plant diseases, Government of India issues advisories to State Governments, from time to time to constitute survey teams for pest

surveillance/monitoring so that timely control measures could be taken by the farmers. Also, CIPMCs located across the country are conducting field surveys for pest monitoring and submit their survey result/reports to State Department of Agriculture to enable them to take timely control measures.

The allocation made for this purpose during the year 2007-08 is Rs. 16.00 crores.

(c): There are 35 Plant Quarantine Stations in the country. These includes the National Plant Quarantine Station at New Delhi and four Regional Stations at Amritsar, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai. These stations have been strengthened with modern equipment for plant quarantine testing facilities for detection and speedy clearance of agricultural imports and exports.